



# FACT SHEET

## NATIONAL DOMESTIC PREPAREDNESS OFFICE (NDPO) STATE AND LOCAL ADVISORY GROUP

### What is the State and Local Advisory Group?

The NDPO's State and Local Advisory Group provides the Attorney General and the NDPO with practical policy advice on program strategy, development, and implementation in support of the NDPO's goal to enhance the capabilities of emergency responders prepare for a terrorist act involving weapons of mass destruction (WMD). The group, which has 32 members, serves as the interface between federal agencies and state and local authorities for WMD preparedness. The advisory group is federally registered under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Title 5, US Code, Appendix 2).

### How were the group members selected?

Members of the advisory group were selected by the Attorney General through recommendations from the federal partners in the NDPO, as well as by Members of Congress, professional associations that represent the emergency response community, and the general public.

### What groups of emergency responders are represented in the advisory group?

The group reflects a balanced representation of perspectives and interests from the entire emergency response community. Group members represent the following disciplines: fire/rescue, HazMat, emergency medical and public health services, law enforcement, emergency management, National Guard, bomb technicians, and state and local governments.

### What were the criteria for selection?

Group members demonstrate a strong background and interest in the issue of domestic preparedness, particularly in the area of WMD response. The Attorney General selected members to ensure diversity with regard to professional perspective, nondiscrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, age, sex, or sexual orientation, and a geographic balance.

### How long is the appointment to the advisory group?

The duration of the appointment is two years, which is subject to renewal.

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